DEVELOPMENT SECRETARIAT.

Medical Inspection of Pupils in Boys' Schools.

READ—

Government Order No. E. 1640-43—Edn. 192-23-9, dated 8th October 1925, sanctioning the introduction of Medical Inspection of school children in Bangalore City as an experimental measure.

2. Government Order No. E. 22-24—Edn. 192-23-13, dated 3rd July 1926, sanctioning the introduction of the Medical Inspection of pupils only in Government Middle and High Schools in Bangalore City.

3. Government Order No. D. 9372-6—Edn. 95-26-20, dated 29th April 1927, sanctioning the proposals of the Inspector-General of Education, for the extension of the scheme to the Primary Schools in Bangalore City.

4. Letter No. C. 4807 of 26-27, dated 16th May 1927, from the Inspector-General of Education (now Director of Public * Instruction) submitting in consultation with the Senior Surgeon a scheme for the extension of the Medical Inspection to all Boys' Schools in the State where medical men are available to undertake the work of examination.

(*Printed as Annexure.)

5. Letter No. 277, dated 4th August 1927, from the President, City Municipal Council, Mysore, forwarding a copy of the resolution of the Municipal Council in the matter.

6. Correspondence with Deputy Commissioners of Districts on the subject of contribution to be paid by the Municipal Councils.

7. Letter No. A-3-1928-59—27-28, dated the 7th November 1927, from the Director of Public Instruction, stating that a sum of about Rs. 2,000 that will be required to meet the Government share of expenditure on account of the extension of the scheme of medical examination into other parts of the State during the current year can be met out of anticipated savings in the Budget of the Department.

ORDER NO. D. 6908-19—EDN. 95-26-60, DATED 3RD—21ST. JANUARY 1928.

The importance of the medical inspection of school children has long been recognised. As a first measure, Government introduced the scheme into Bangalore City. The Director of Public Instruction has now submitted in consultation with the Senior Surgeon a scheme for its introduction into all stations where a medical man is available. Government generally accept the scheme now proposed by the Director of Public Instruction and are pleased to accord their sanction to the proposals regarding (1) the agency for carrying out inspections, (2) remuneration to be paid to the medical men at different places, (3) fees to be charged for such examination and (4) the contributions to be paid by Municipalities. The Director of Public Instruction may frame subsidiary rules regulating the grant of exemptions from payment of fees to specially poor students in whose case even the small sum leviable may prove a hardship.

The annual cost of the scheme if brought into force throughout the State, will be Rs. 24,604 of which it is expected that Rs. 8,380 may be recovered from fees, and Rs. 8,590 by way of contribution from Municipalities at rates proposed by the Director of Public Instruction. The net extra cost to Government will thus be Rs. 7,634 or roughly about Rs. 8,000 per annum. At present, only 37 Municipal Councils (see Annexure B) have agreed to contribute towards the expenditure on medical inspection at the rates proposed by the Director and herein approved. The scheme may, for the present, be introduced and be given effect to immediately only in the schools in the Municipalities which have agreed to contribute their share. The Government share of expenditure on this account during the current year is roughly estimated at about Rs. 2,500 and will be met out of anticipated savings in the budget of the Education Department. The Government share of the scheme in future Budgets will be limited to the provision which is made therefor from time to time.

Other Municipal Councils, who are desirous of the introduction of the scheme within their limits under the above condition are requested to place themselves in communication with the Director of Public Instruction, who is hereby authorised to take the necessary action in consultation with the Senior Surgeon, and report the fact to Government for provision of the Government share of the expenditure.

Officers of the Revenue and Medical Departments are requested to impress on Municipal Councils, during their tours, and otherwise, the vast importance and beneficent effects of the scheme for children attending schools in order that all municipalities in the State which have medical officers may take advantage of it.

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